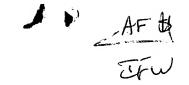
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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed January 5, 2004 in finally rejecting claims of the application.

A timely response to the final rejection was filed on June 7, 2004, and a third-month extension of time was filed on June 7, 2004 at the time of filing the Amendment After Final Rejection, including the third month extension processing fee of \$950, extending the period for response to July 5, 2004.

The appeal fee of \$330 is submitted herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690.

Respectfully submitted,
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